MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know whether an estimate has been called for by the department?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): No.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know from the member whether it is not advisable in view of the fact that it is a serviceable road to call for an estimate?

PRESIDENT: Not furnishable.

Teaching of Economics in the College of Arts.

20 ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are duly qualified Professors in the Arts College to impart instruction in Economics:

(*b*) whether there is any one at all in the College who possesses English or Indian academic distinction in that subject;

(*c*) the arrangement made by the Government in the Arts College in that particular direction in pursuance of Mr. Gopala Menon's transfer to the Science College;

(*d*) whether the present arrangement, if any, is satisfactory under the University Rules; and

(*e*) whether it is true that one of the two Professorships already sanctioned by Government still remains vacant?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Mr. N. S. Narasimha Aiyangar, Assistant Professor, is doing the bulk of the work.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) may I know from the member the nature of the academic distinction possessed by the Professor?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): It does not necessarily refer to the Professor. It refers to the whole history and economics staff. There is no Professor who possesses outstanding qualifications in Economics.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): My question is whether there is any one at all in the College who possesses English or Indian academic distinction in Economics.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The answer is that there is an Assistant Professor who possesses special qualifications.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the nature of the academic distinction possessed by that Professor?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): That Assistant Professor was awarded the University Gold Medal in Economics on his passing the B. A., took his M. A. in History and Economics.

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has been for two years a research student under the Madras University Professor of Economics and has published a number of treatises on Economics recognised by the University.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member who is doing the remaining portion of the work?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Principal of the College.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether the number of periods had to be reduced in pursuance of Mr. Gopala Menon's transfer?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the number of periods for teaching Economics in the final Honours class?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I am sorry I must have notice of that.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the University Rules regarding this point?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The University have recognised all the members of the history staff as competent to take Economics which is only a subsidiary subject for the pass course and the Honours course and they have approved of the present staff.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): With reference to the answer to part (*e*) may I know why one of the two Professors' places already sanctioned by Government remains vacant?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is mainly on account of retrenchment.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAM PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member how long it is since this place has been remaining vacant?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I think it is now a matter of two years.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know, Sir, what class this Assistant Professor has secured for his M. A?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Third class, I think.

Holidays for Schools.

21 *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the minimum number of working days required for the English as well as the Vernacular Schools in the State; and

(*b*) the total number of holidays sanctioned for the schools according to the present calculation and the full details regarding them?

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